

Burlington Dec 10<sup>th</sup> 1868  
Dear Mr. T. I hope you are well and  
in the best of health. I received your letter of Nov 25<sup>th</sup> arrived last  
evening and I assure you we are all glad  
to hear once more from the old couple over the sea  
as you call yourselves. The old couple on this side  
of the sea are in usual health as are also the  
young ones. I think from your letter that you have  
been "gadding" about considerably this summer.  
I wish very much I could go where you have been  
and see what you have seen but I suppose I must  
be content to hear of them for the present at  
least. Burlington is still improving & rapidly.  
Since I wrote you last a new block of stores has  
been built on the corner of Church and Chong  
streets where the old green shop used to stand.  
It is a fine three story building and is a  
decided improvement for the street. I expect  
before you return Church st will be one solid  
block, even our old house will be turned  
into a dry goods palace. The new church  
(King Henry's I mean) is about half built the  
walls are just to the top of the windows but no  
more work can be done on it this season. It has gone  
into winter quarters like our Army of the Potomac.